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WITH REGARD TO PARAS 4 AND 5 OF REFTTEL, DEPT ACCEPTS
GALLOPIN'S OFFER TO KEEP US INFORMED REGARDING RESPONSES
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO ICRC NOTE. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD
ALSO INFORM ICRC THAT WE THINK IT CANNOT EXPECT TO KEEP
RESPONSES SECRET. OTHERWISE, WHATEVER THE RESULT OF THE
ICRC MAIL TALLY, IT WILL BE SUBJECT TO MISTRUST BY MANY
GOVERNMENTS. ON THIS KIND OF POLITICAL ISSUE, THE ICRC SHOULD
REALIZE THAT GOVERNMENTS MUST ACT IN PUBLIC AND BE HELD
ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR POSITIONS. FURTHER, MANY GOVERNMENTS
WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT VALIDITY OF AN ADVERSE TALLY
IF THEY WERE NOT ALSO SHOWN TEXTS OF RESPONSES BY OTHER
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